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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to correct minor errors in the claims. A Reply to Restriction Requirement is also being filed at this time.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 47, 67, 68, and 69. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

47.

(Amended) An isolated nucleic acid having at least 80% nucleotide sequence identity to a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:6.

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